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**Introduced by Senator Pan**

January 7, 2016

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 95—Relative to the Lunar New Year Celebration.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 95, as introduced, Pan. Lunar New Year Celebration.

This measure would recognize the Lunar New Year Celebration.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, February 8, 2016, will mark the beginning of the  
2 Lunar New Year, which is celebrated in many Asian communities  
3 around the world, including the United States, and especially  
4 California; and  
5 WHEREAS, California is home to nearly 6 million Asian and  
6 Pacific Islander Americans of Bangladeshi, Cambodian, Chinese,  
7 Filipino, Hmong, Indian, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Japanese, Korean,  
8 Laotian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, and  
9 Vietnamese descent; and  
10 WHEREAS, The Asian and Pacific Islander American  
11 community has contributed to the social, cultural, civic, economic,  
12 and academic success of the state; and  
13 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is predominantly celebrated  
14 by over 2.5 million Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese residents of  
15 California; and  
16 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is the Year of the Monkey  
17 and is universally celebrated by these communities as a time to  
18 renew family ties, and to start the new year with a clean slate; and

1 WHEREAS, The celebration of the Lunar New Year in  
2 communities throughout California illustrates the state's rich  
3 cultural history and commitment to racial, religious, and cultural  
4 diversity; now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
6 *thereof concurring*, That the Members join Asian and Pacific  
7 Islander communities throughout the state in celebrating February  
8 8, 2016, as the beginning of the Lunar New Year and extend best  
9 wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all  
10 Californians; and be it further

11 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
12 this resolution to the authors for appropriate distribution.